

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
October 18, 2021
6:30 pm**

Mayor Clendaniel called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 18, 2021. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga (via phone), Anthony Carroll, Diana Dolan-Beulah and Bill Brittingham.

Staff: Chief Brown, Corporal Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

Public: JoAnn Morris (resident) and Dwight Stephens (resident).

Citizens Concerns:

Ms. Morris and Mr. Stephens wanted to address a concern with the Town regarding animal feces that are not being cleaned up by the property owner. They are aware that it is private property but they are concerned because it is on the grass that is right next to the sidewalk in the front yard. Since it is in a more public area they wanted to know if the Town could step in and have them clean it up. Amy stated that Tracey has reached out to the property owner and it was cleaned up after the first initial call. Tracey then clarified that she did walk to the home today and noticed that there was feces again in the same area and that she would reach out to the home owner again. Ms. Morris also mentioned the house on Main Street with the offensive Biden Flag in front of the school. Tracey explained to her that the home is not in Town limits.

Police Report:

Chief Brown presented the September 2021 police report. There was discussion on when we can start the process of hiring a new officer. There were no questions or concerns on the September 2021 police report.

Motion: Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to accept the August 2021 Police Report. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

There was no one present to represent the Felton Fire Company.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the September 2021 budget report. Amy mentioned that there are engineering fees on the report and those fees were reimbursed from the rezoning of the property on N Erin Ave. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapasuga made a motion to accept the September 2021 Budget Report. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Report:

Amy presented the September 2021 Public Works Report. Along with the Monthly samples and daily operations of water system Public Works have been cleaning out ditches and retention ponds. There were no questions or concerns.

Minutes:

Mayor Clendaniel presented the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes and October 13, 2021 Planning and Zoning Minutes. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion: Councilmember Carroll made a motion to accept the Planning and Zoning October 13, 2021 Minutes and the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2022 Holiday Calendar:

Amy presented two Holiday Calendars. One calendar has Columbus Day on it and the second Calendar has the day after Christmas off instead of Columbus Day. Councilmember Dolan- Beulah brought up the idea of a floating holiday similar to what the State of Delaware employees receive. There was discussion on how a floating holiday does not work with the police department schedule.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapasuga made a motion to accept the Holiday 2022 Calendar, removing Columbus Day and adding the day after Christmas as a holiday. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Works Tractor Repair:

Amy presented Council with the tractor issues. Josh is willing to repair the tractor on his personal time for \$50 an hour plus materials. He tried getting bids from other sources but prices are time and material. Mayor Clendaniel was not opposed to Josh fixing it because she knows he's reliable and will have it repaired in a reasonable time.

Motion: Councilmember Brittingham made a motion to allow Josh Smith to repair the tractor during personal time for \$50 an hour plus materials. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call: Mayor Clendaniel-yes, Councilmember Brittingham- yes, Councilmember Dolan-Beulah- yes, Councilmember Carroll- yes, Vice Mayor Yapsuga- yes.

American Rescue Plan Funds- Legal Counsel:

Amy presented that the State of Delaware is providing 18 months of legal counsel for approximately \$3500.00. They will take the payment out of the 2nd funding in June 2022. We have until December 2024 to expend the funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Motion: Councilmember Dolan-Beulah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date